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PLEASE PASS HOLLAND

1. AS HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO ODACID, GALVEZ AND COMPANY NOT OVERLY RECEPTIVE TO PROPOSED OAS BRIEF WHICH PRESENTED 11 JUNE. SKILLET HUNCH THAT CRUCIAL EVIDENTIARY POINT \$10,000,000 ARMS PURCHASED BY WSBURNT FAR EXCEEDS NORMAL DEFENSE NEEDS NOT FULLY ACCEPTED BY GALVEZ WHO STALLING WITH ANSWER UNTIL APPROX 14 JUNE. BELIEVE GALVEZ MAY HAVE DOUBTS WHICH LIKELY SHARED BY OTHER L.A. GOVTS TO EFFECT WHAT PROOF \$10,000,000 WORTH ACTUALLY PURCHASED AND IF SO HOW PROVE THIS PRIMARILY OFFENSIVE?

2. IF SUCH DOUBTS EXIST, POSSIBLY SPRING FROM ARTICLE APPEARING PRENSA LIBRE OF 11 JUNE (GALVEZ FAVORITE PAPER) PURPORTING DISCLOSE ACCURATE INVENTORY RECENT WSBURNT ARMS PURCHASES APPROX AS FOLLOWS:

A. 581 TOMPSON MACHINE GUNS.

B. 27 50 CALIBRE MGS.

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- C. 1419 MEXICAN RIFLES.
- D. 2450 CZECH RIFLES.
- E. LARGE NUMBER BOMBS, HAND GRENADES AND MORTAR SHELLS.
- F. GREAT QUANTITY AMMO.
- G. 5 PLANES OF MUSTANG TYPE.

FOREGOING WOULD BARELY EQUIP ONE INFANTRY REGIMENT WITH PERSONAL ARMS PLUS LIMITED AIR SUPPORT.

3. ARTICLE STATES ABOVE ARMS FILLED 70 FREIGHT CARS AND ARE VALUED AT \$10,000,000. HOWEVER, SIMPLE ARITHMETIC SHOWS ABOVE LIST NOT WORTH \$10,000,000 REGARDLESS HOW FIGURED. GALVEZ CAPABLE ARRIVING ABOVE CONCLUSION. QUERY: HOW WILL YOUR MILITARY WITNESSES PROVE:

- A. 10,000,000 FIGURE.
- B. OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES SHIPMENT.

4. IN VIEW ABOVE, SKILLET ADVANCES THOUGHT THAT PRENSA LIBRE ARTICLE, FOR WHICH SOURCE GIVEN AS "FRENTE ANTICOMUNISTA DEL MNR", MAY BE DELIBERATELY PLANNED AS FIRST STEP IN PLAN TO DISCREDIT ODYOKE CONTENTION TO OAS THAT PURCHASE ACTUALLY AMOUNTED TO 10,000,000 OR ALTERNATIVELY IS OFFENSIVELY CAPABLE. NOT KNOWN HERE IF SIMILAR ARTICLES APPEARING OTHER L.A. PRESS, BUT IF SO, SUGGEST POSSIBILITY WIDESPREAD PLAN SABOTAGE ODYOKE OAS BASIC CASE.

5. SKILLET SUGGESTS IMMEDIATE ACTION BE TAKEN CHECK EXTENT

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APPEARANCE SUCH ARTICLES HEMISPHERE PRESS. IF WSBURNT BEHIND SUCH SCHEME, MAY EXPECT CONCERTED CAMPAIGN DISPARAGING VALUE AND OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY ARMS PURCHASES, CONTENDING ONLY SUFFICIENT FOR PROTECTION OWN SOVEREIGNTY, WHICH IF SUCCESSFUL WILL UNDERMINE MAIN PLANK ODYOKE PRESENTATION TO OAS.

6. SKILLET FURTHER SUGGESTS HOLLAND CROSS-EXAMINE ODYOKE MILITARY SOURCES 10,000,000 FIGURE AND HOW THESE SOURCES CAN PROVE FIGURE AND OFFENSIVE CAPACITY UNLESS HAVE MORE EVIDENCE THAN "MEASUREMENT TONS".

7. SKILLET SUSPECTS POSSIBLE BOOBY TRAP AT OAS WHEREIN WSBURNT INVITES "NEUTRAL" INSPECTION ARMS SHIPMENT.

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